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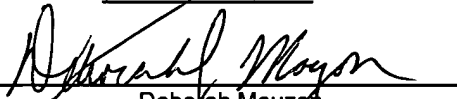
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: RODRIQUES, Klein A. *et al.*  
SERIAL NO.: 09/920 498 GROUP ART UNIT: 1773  
FILED: 1 August 2001 EXAMINER: TARAZANO, Donald Lawrence  
ENTITLED: HYDROPHOBICALLY MODIFIED SOLUTION POLYMERS AND  
THEIR USE IN SURFACE PROTECTING FORMULATIONS

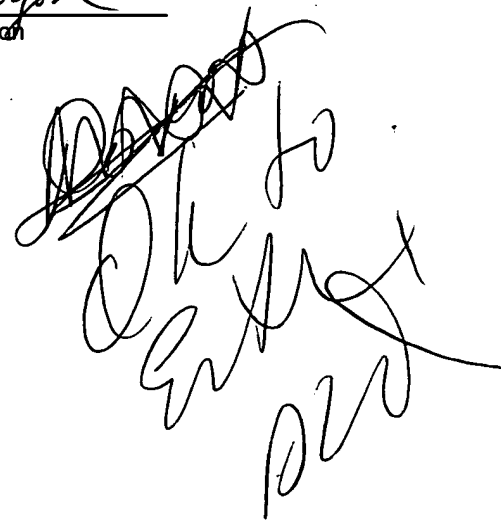
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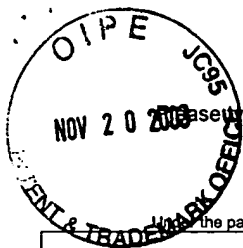
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Independent Claims	-20** =	X	
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner
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1809 750	2809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
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